The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

1. (previously presented) An orthopedic aid which is used for walking and which provides a supporting function for the human body, comprising:

two parts which are movable relative to one another;

a locking device for locking the two parts in an extended position for walking and for unlocking the two parts to permit movement of the two parts with respect to one another;

means for detecting locking or unlocking of said locking device; and

a signaling arrangement which emits a signal, responsive to said means for detecting, for alerting a user of the orthopedic aid to a locking state or upon unlocking of the locking device.

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the signaling arrangement emits a signal upon unlocking.

4. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein said signaling arrangement provides a signal which is visual, acoustic, tactile and/or mechanical.

5. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein said means for detecting includes a detection arrangement designed to generate the signal electrically as a function of the locking state.

6. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locking device has a movable locking pin whose position is detected by the means for detecting.

7. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locking device is actuated electromechanically to permit unlocking.

8. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 6, wherein the movable locking pin is arranged such that it can be drawn into a magnet coil to permit unlocking.

9. (currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim ~~5~~ 6, wherein the detection arrangement is designed for electrical scanning of a position of the locking pin.

10. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an electromagnetic actuating arrangement with a low actuating force of not more than 2 N, wherein the locking device, when in the extended position, has a slight play, allowing a freedom of movement of the locking mechanism in the loading pertaining to the extended position, whereas, in the event of a load exerting a turning moment on the locking device, the locking device cannot be unlocked by the actuating arrangement on account of frictional forces.

11. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locking device is actuated by wireless transmission of an actuating signal.

12. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 11, wherein an actuating signal for wireless transmission of a command signal is triggered on a handgrip of a walking aid.

13. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 11, wherein the signal of the signaling arrangement is sent by wireless transmission to a walking aid.

14. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 13, wherein the walking aid has a visual and/or acoustic signal display arrangement.

15. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 13, wherein a handgrip of the walking aid is provided with a vibrator that can be actuated by the signal of the signaling arrangement.